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Venice, February 19. *N. S.*

ON Wednesday Morning the Government sent a Present of Wine, fine Glasses, Sweetmeats, &c. upon five Boats, to the Electoral Prince of Saxony. The same Evening one of the Queen of Great Britain's Messengers, arriv'd with Dispatches from England and Utrecht, for the Earl of Peterborough. The Procurator Ruzzini is setting forward with all speed, to assist on the part of this Republick, at the Conferences that are to be held for a General Peace at Utrecht. The Signior Nicolo Duodo, is nominated as Ambassador for Rome in the Place of the Cavalier Lorenzo Tiepolo, who is there at present, but was lately chosen Procurator of St. Mark. We hear from Rome, that Don Antonio Ottoboni, with the Duke de Fiano his Brother, was arriv'd at Rome; the first being Father to the Cardinal of that Name. Four British Gallies that came hither Loaden with Fish, are Sail'd for Zant, in their way homewards. The Venetian Troops, together with a large quantity of Provision and Ammunition are sail'd hence for the Levant, under the Convoy of several Gallies.

Hamburgh, March 1. *N. S.* Monsieur de Bruce, the Great Master of his Czarish Majesty's Artillery, threatens the City of Dantzick with a Siege or Bombardment, if they do not speedily pay the Six hundred thousand Crowns demanded by his Master, which Sum will be doubled, if they continue obstinate in their refusal any longer. However the Magistrates of that City, have taken such Measures, that they are resolv'd not to comply with those Demands. In the mean time the Muscovite Troops are advanc'd so far, that they keep the Town in a manner block'd up on every side. His Czarish Majesty has sent Orders for his Counsellors at Moscow, to repair to him at Petersburg, being resolved to be at the Head of his Forces in Pomerania, very early in the approaching Campaign. The Guards of the King of Poland are on their March for that Kingdom; and the departure of King Augustus from Dresden is fix'd for the Fifteenth of the next Month. The Count de Vellingk, is raising a Regiment in the Dutchy of Bremen, and preparing great Magazines of Corn, which are to be sent to Wismar and the Isle of Rugen, where the Suedish Troops begin to be in want of Provisions. The last Letters from Copenhagen say, that there is a great Mortality among the Mariners there, but without any Signs of Infection. On Friday last Monsieur Nissen, Commissary General to the King of Denmark, came to this City to receive a large Sum of Mony upon his Master's Account, from the Commissaries of the Elector of Hanover; part of which is to be sent to Coldingen, and the Remainder to Pomerania for the Payment of the Danish Troops.

Tournay, March 5. *N. S.* The large Magazines which the Enemy had laid up at Arras, for the Subsistance of their Troops in the Spring, are entirely burnt by the Confederate Forces. The Design was carried on with that Secrecy, that the Garrisons of Lille, Tournay, Douay, and the Troops that were Canton'd, arriv'd on Tuesday at Midnight near Arras, before the Enemy had the least notice of their Motion. They had with them Cannon, Mortars, Bombs, and all Things necessary for such an Enterprize; and on Wednesay Morning by the Favour of a Fog, they posted themselves in the Suburbs, upon the way leading to Baupaume, within a thousand Paces of the Citadel, before they were discover'd by the Enemy. But as soon as it began to clear up, the French made a Sally with all their Grenadiers, sustain'd by the rest of their Garrison, but were so warmly receiv'd, that they quickly retir'd in great Confusion, and several of their Officers, amongst whom is the Chevalier de Belsente, Nephew to the Duke de Lauzun, were taken Prisoners. After this they made no farther Attempt; but the Batteries being finish'd by Five in the Evening, there were so many Bombs, Carcasses and red hot Bullets, thrown into the Magazine, that the whole was consumed by Six in the Morning. This Enterprize having succeeded, even beyond expectation, the whole Body of the Confederate Troops came to Douay, and the Day following separated, in order to return to their respective Garrisons, having lost but twenty Men, and one Subaltern Officer. The Mareschal Montesquiou was in the Place, and the Officers who are Prisoners say, it was the Feint which was made on the Sambre, that deceived them. The Magazine consisted of Fifteen hundred thousand Rations of Hay.

Mons, March 5. *N. S.* Count Dijona, with a Body of Troops which he commanded from this Place, has succeeded in his intended Enterprize, and is expected back with them this Day. They possess'd themselves of the Bridge of Merbe, upon the Sambre, without any Resistance; and having pass'd it, sent one Detachment to Serre upon the same River, to secure their return, and another to la Bussiere, from whence the Enemies Commanding-Officer, with his Men, escap'd over the Walls at their approach; they being thus become Masters of the Place, set their Miners at work to blow up the Castle, together with the Bridge and the Sluices, which was accordingly effected.

Utrecht, March 8. *N. S.* Yesterday Morning a Conference was held at the Town-house, of the Ministers of the Allies, but nothing material was offer'd by any of them, they being willing before they enter upon any new Business, to wait the Event of the General Conference, which is to be held to Morrow; at which 'tis expected the French Ministers will so far explain themselves, that it may be seen in what manner the Negociations are to be carried on, and whether they are willing to proceed, without first communicating the Demands of the Allies to their Court, which 'tis scarce believ'd they will undertake to do. Although the French Plenipotentiaries offer'd so little in their first Proposals, yet People are now well persuaded, that the Allies have made their Demands extensive enough, and it is not doubted, but the Unity they have shown among themselves, by the General Clause for supporting each others Demands, will have a good Effect. Yesterday Count Sinzendorff receiv'd an Express from England, and in the Evening dispatch'd another